**Unfamiliar texts Possible approach**

1. Look at the text. Identify any extra information provided which will give supporting information. Who is presenting/writing the text? In what situation is it being presented? *Try to remember to refer back to this information in your answer.*
2. What is the main thing which that we are supposed to know or understand at the end of reading the text? What lets you know this? (Ideas/messages)
3. What do you think the person or people who created the text want the readers to do after reading the text? (Purpose) What clues are there in the text to make you think this?
4. Identify any language features or words/phrases or images which stand out or are of particular interest.

* What do they mean?
* What is the name given to this feature?
* What do these features/words etc add to the text in the particular place that they appear? They might create extra meaning by adding to the mood (Feelings/atmosphere associated with a place) the tone (the writer’s attitude towards the topic) or increasing our understanding of a character. Perhaps they suggest something which will happen or remind of something that has already occurred.
* Do the techniques help to make the text appeal to a particular audience?

1. How does this part of the text relate/link to the whole text?

* Are there other similar parts?
* Does this part develop an idea from earlier in the text, by giving another perspective or angle or exploring another aspect of the topic?
* Are there any obvious links to other texts which people could know? If so, what does that add to our overall understanding of the text?
* Are there any stereotypes or common beliefs, fears etc present?